

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS AND SAFETY OF THE CITY OF JASPER
APRIL 11, 2017**

The Board of Public Works and Safety of the City of Jasper, Indiana, met in regular session on Tuesday, April 11, 2017, in the Council Chambers of City Hall located at 610 Main Street.

CALL TO ORDER

Presiding Officer Mayor Terry Seitz called the meeting to order at 8:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm then called the roll:

Mayor Terry Seitz	Present
Board member Timothy Bell	Present
Board member Nancy Eckerle	Present

Also present were Police Chief J. Michael Bennett, Street Commissioner Jeffrey Theising, City Engineer Chad Hurm, Personnel/Safety/Loss Control Director Cale Knies, Fire Chief/Code Enforcement Officer Kenneth Hochgesang, Director of Community Development and Planning Darla Blazey, City Attorney Renee Kabrick, and Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm.

Boehm announced that in order to have a quorum for the meeting, a majority of the board members must be present. All three board members were present, which is a majority; therefore, there was a quorum for the meeting.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mayor Seitz invited all those present to join him in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES. The board members examined the minutes of the regular meeting held on March 28, 2017. Thereafter, a motion was made by Timothy Bell and seconded by Nancy Eckerle to adopt the minutes. Motion carried 3-0.

CLAIMS. The claims against the City from March 10, 2017 to April 6, 2017 were presented to and examined by the board. A motion was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Nancy Eckerle to approve the claims as presented. Motion carried 3-0.

PROCLAMATION

Mayor Seitz read a proclamation proclaiming April 9-15, 2017 National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week.

SPIRIT OF JASPER RUN/WALK

Phil Mundy, representing the Greater Jasper Downtown Business Association, asked permission to use certain City streets and the river walk for the Spirit of Jasper run/walk. In the past, they sponsored a duathlon that consisted of a 5K run, a bike ride, and another 5K run. Instead of a duathlon, this year they want to have a 5K run and a 15K relay team run. The 15K run consists of a three-person tag team where each person runs a 5K.

The route begins in the Buehler Plaza area and goes in the direction of 4th Street, then west on 4th Street to Mill Street, north on Mill Street to 15th Street, east on 15th Street to the river walk then south on the river walk to the point of beginning.

A motion was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to give permission to the Greater Jasper Downtown Business Association to host the Spirit of Jasper run/walk on May 6, 2017, from 7:00 a.m. to noon. Motion carried 3-0.

FIREFIGHTER RETIRES

Fire Chief Kenneth Hochgesang said he received a letter from Phillip Schmidt who is captain of the City of Jasper Volunteer Fire Department stating he is retiring after serving twenty-eight years on the department.

A motion was made by Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Timothy Bell to accept the letter of retirement from Captain Phil Schmidt effective May 4, 2017. Motion carried 3-0.

JUNK ASSETS

Police Chief J. Michael Bennett asked permission to junk the following three assets that are no longer usable;

Asset # 100170 Sony camera from 1999

Asset # 101299 handheld radio from 1993

Asset # 100300 handheld radio from 1993

A motion was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to give the chief permission to junk asset #s 100170, 101299, and 100300. Motion carried 3-0.

For the record please note that asset #100300 should be asset # 101300.

ALLEY CLOSURE

Street Commissioner Jeffrey Theising reported that late yesterday afternoon Mehringer Plumbing needed to close the alley between 14th and 15th Streets and Leopold and Greene Streets. A person could access the alley from either end but a person could not drive all the way through the alley. The alley should be open today.

MILLER VALENTINE AGREEMENT

Mayor Seitz asked the board to approve an agreement with Miller Valentine to assist with site preparation before the closing on the Vine Street Lofts property for an amount not-to-exceed \$15,000.

A motion was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to enter into an agreement with Miller Valentine for closing for Vine Street Lofts property for an amount not-to-exceed \$15,000. Motion carried 3-0.

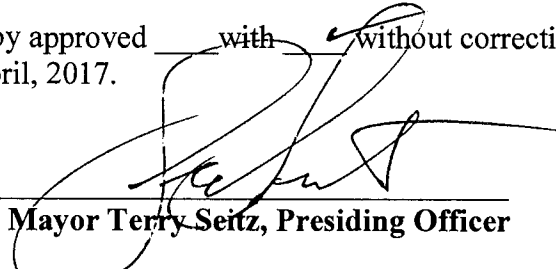
CONTINUING EDUCATION PASS

City Attorney Renee Kabrick asked permission to renew her unlimited number of hours pass with the National Business Institute [NBI] for continuing legal education. The annual pass cost \$1299 but if the pass is renewed for three years, there is a 25% discount for a net price of \$974.25 per year. In October 2015, she received permission to renew the pass for two years with a 10% discount.

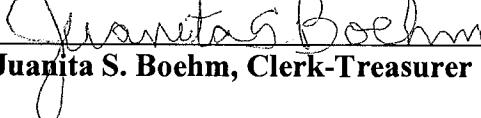
A motion was made by Nancy Eckerle and seconded by Timothy Bell to enter into a three-year commitment with NBI. Motion carried 3-0.

ADJOURNMENT. There being no further business to come before the board, a motion was made by Mayor Seitz and seconded by Timothy Bell to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 3-0 and the meeting adjourned at 8:26 a.m.

The minutes were hereby approved with ~~without~~ corrections or clarification this 25th day of April, 2017.



Mayor Terry Seitz, Presiding Officer

Attest: 

Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer